

Booker T. Washington

Annual Calendar of Events
2014

National Monument
Hardy, Virginia

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Ranger on the Road

Contact the park to schedule a program for your school, club or organization during the months of February and March! Contact Betsy Haynes at (540)721-2094 or email betsy_haynes@nps.gov.

Game Hour- Play “Famous African Americans” Jingo

Saturday, February 8, 2014 - 11 a.m.

Children can join a park ranger to learn about some famous African Americans while playing a game of J-I-N-G-O and listening to tunes on the “Freedom is Coming: Songs of Freedom, Resistance & the Underground Railroad” which was produced by New Orleans Jazz Park.

Annual Research Lecture: “Uncovering Booker T. Washington’s Family

Saturday, February 15, 2014 - 2 p.m.

Booker T. Washington NM volunteer historian John Whitfield will present his most recent research findings about Washington’s early life in slavery and the Hales Ford community. Light refreshments to be served afterwards.

Traces of Their Lives

Sunday, February 23, 2014 - 2 p.m.

Park ranger Janet Blanchard leads a walking tour highlighting the history of the reconstructed kitchen cabin. Located on the site of the original, the cabin provides a tangible link to Washington’s early life in slavery. Learn how recent archaeology provides new insight into the homes and lives of enslaved people.

ANNUAL FREE SPECIAL EVENTS:
Juneteenth Celebration- Saturday,
June 21, 2014

Harvest Time of 1864- Saturday,
September 20, 2014

Old VA Christmas of 1864 - Saturday,
December 6, 2014

Coming in Spring 2014...

Grand Opening of the Park’s New Permanent Exhibit, Born Here, Freed Here!

Watch for a new permanent exhibit arriving this spring that focuses on the early life of Booker T. Washington. The interactive exhibit highlights the plantation and community where Booker T. Washington was born and enslaved, lived, worked, dreamed, and freed!

Healthy Parks/Healthy People Community Walk and Talk!

2nd Saturday at 10 a.m. each month from April-October

Healthy Parks/People Kick Off Event

Saturday, April 12, 2014, 10 a.m.-12 Noon

Booker T. Washington National Monument and Carilion have partnered to offer a great opportunity for you to learn more about and experience the health benefits of walking while enjoying the park’s scenic one and a half mile long Jack-O-Lantern Branch Heritage Trail. On the second Saturday of each month from April through October, beginning at 10:00 a.m., a different Carilion health professional and/or park ranger will briefly speak on health and/or park resource topics followed by a social hike on the park’s trail. Get fit at your neighborhood National Park and have fun while learning from Carilion Health Care professionals! Check local and social media for monthly details!

*To learn more about the park's Volunteer Living History Guild, you are invited to join an LHG meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the park's visitor center. Call 540-721-2094 for information.

"Taking Tea with Booker T."

Sunday, May 11, 2014- 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Come to our annual mother and daughter tea party on Mother's Day! A program on the history of tea will contrast Washington's experience serving the owner's family as an enslaved child to having tea with Queen Victoria as an internationally famous educator. Eat ginger cakes like those that Booker craved and taste some of the Queen's favorite sponge cake while being served by volunteers and rangers dressed in 19th-century period clothing. Reservations are required!

"A Southern Gentlewoman & Enslaved Mother Remember Hunter's Raid in the Shenandoah Valley"

June 7, 2014 - 2 p.m.

News of the Yankee raid in the Shenandoah Valley as it surged toward Liberty (now Bedford, VA) quickly reached Franklin County in June 1864. Elizabeth Burroughs, a slave-holding widow and tobacco farmer near Hales Ford, feared for her family, directly in the path of Union General David Hunter. Jane, an enslaved mother of three, wondered if they might be set free. Listen to the stories of Hunter's Raid as told by Living History presenters.

Juneteenth Celebration Special Event

June 21, 2014 – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

This year's Juneteenth Celebration focuses on June of 1864. Living history tours portray the final full year of the Civil War and enslaved plantation residents sensing that Freedom is nearer than ever! The outdoor performance stage will host uplifting gospel and spiritual music and presentations from area dignitaries. The Children's Village will offer fun activities and food and ice cream will be for sale by local vendors. Join in the fellowship and fun! Invite your friends and family! Bring lawn chairs and a blanket and celebrate Freedom!

July is Junior Ranger Month!

Looking for something fun and educational for your child or grandchild to do this summer? Children ages 6-12 can walk a mile in Booker's shoes & step into the hiking boots of a park ranger as part of Junior Ranger programs offered every Wednesday & Saturday, July 9 -July 26! Pre-registration is required.

Partnership programs with Carilion Healthcare will be offered as part of Junior Ranger Month. Children can hike the Jack-O-Lantern Branch Trail with a Carilion healthcare professional and learn how to grow and prepare fresh veggies from the farm to the table.

Franklin County Civil War Days **September 6-7, 2014**

Explore the history of the Civil War Era by visiting the park prior to or after attending Civil War Days at Lakewatch Plantation. Learn about Washington's childhood in slavery and life on the Home Front during the Civil War! Tours will be held on the hour from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m.

"Harvest Time of 1864" Special Event **September 20, 2014 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Harvest was a critical time of year on the tobacco plantation where Booker T. Washington was born and freed! Living history farm demonstrations and vignettes will depict the Harvest of 1864. You can also enjoy food, music, children's activities, farm animals, and wagon rides!

December 6, 2014 – "An Old Virginia Christmas of 1864" Special Event (time TBA)

Christmas of 1864 was Booker T. Washington's last spent in slavery. This year's living history program concludes the Civil War 150th commemoration of Washington's childhood in slavery during Christmas or the "Big Times". A continuing story interpreted on candlelight tours at the park since 2009! Enjoy warm gingerbread and hot apple cider after the tour!

Booker T. Washington National Monument is open daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. except for Thanksgiving, December 25, and New Year's Day. Admission and all programs are FREE!

For additional information on programs, contact the park by calling 540/721-2094 or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov or Facebook page at www.facebook.com/btwnm.

